

Kittery's Road to Zero Waste

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Events & Opportunities

September 22, 2013 - Zero Waste 2013

This event will again team up DPW with the Seaside 4-mile road race at Fort Foster. We are currently in the planning stages of this event and hope to include activities geared towards furthering the goals of the Zero Waste Initiative.

A day long event with over 400 people attending... only ½ bag of trash!



September 23, 2012 - ZERO WASTE KICKOFF EVENT

Coordinated with the PTA sponsored Seaside four-miler race, the Zero Waste Kickoff event was held at Fort Foster and featured a Pollution Solution Obstacle Course for kids, educational tables from area zero waste, water quality and sustainability groups, and all finished rain barrels from the auction. A band performed, area school recycling competition winners were announced, and only 1/2 a bag of landfill trash was produced by over 400 attendees...all other materials were recycled, composted or reused!

August-September 2012 - Graffiti Artist decorate Transfer Station Rolloffs -

Area Graffiti artists decorated rolloffs from the Resource Recovery Facility with Zero Waste Initiative mottos like "RETHINK!," "RECYCLE!," and "REDUCE!". Rolloffs were also decorated during the Zero Waste Kickoff Event and are now on display at the Resource Recovery Facility.

June - September 2012 - Rain Barrel Auction

Rain Barrels painted by local students and artists were auctioned off to support the EarthLink Education Series sponsored by the DPW. The series includes informational workshops and events aimed at raising awareness of resource conservation issues like storm water runoff, zero waste management and sustainability.

June 16, 2012 - Kittery Block Party Booth

DPW hosted a Storm water Education booth featuring the painted rain barrels from the Rain Barrel Auction, outreach materials, surveys, and drawings for Rain Chains in an effort to further educate the public about storm water runoff and zero waste programs.

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Host Families for Organic Composting

DPW currently has several families within the town piloting an organic composting service. The composting service strives to eliminate household compostable items including food scrapes, napkins, compostable paper products, etc. from the waste stream. Each family receives three months of paid pick up service from their home (weekly or bi-weekly) in exchange for feedback on the program. If they have Kittery students in their family, each student will do a before, during and after report card on their family composting project. We are partnering with EcoMovement on this program for pick-up service; each family will also receive free decomposed compost back for their landscaping or gardens.

Host Families for Cloth Diaper Service

DPW currently has several families within the town interested in piloting a cloth diaper service. Currently disposable diapers make up over 30% of all landfills. The diaper service provides clean reusable diapers for families taking advantage of this program for a trial three month period. . If they have Kittery students in their family, each student will do a before, during and after report card on their cloth diaper project. We are partnering with Green Earth Baby Works on this program for pick- up service and providing the cloth diapers.